

Finances and Marriage

1. **Money** is important in most relationships
 - a. The love of money can lead to **sin** and **heartache**
 - b. Money will not guarantee **happiness**.
 - c. Money is a common source of **conflict** in marriage.
2. Our Needs and God's Promises
 - a. God has promised to **meet** our needs (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19)
 - i. Needs vs. wants
 - ii. Based on us placing God **first**
 - iii. God's blessings are not **limited** to our needs.
 - b. We must do our part
 - i. **Work hard**
 - ii. Be good **stewards**
 - c. God **Expects** His People to Support His Work
3. God does not **condemn** riches
 - a. The **OT** is filled with examples of God's blessing of riches
 - b. The Bible encourages not to **trust** our riches.
 - c. The Bible tells us that the things we **treasure** will own our **hearts** (Matthew 6:19-21)
 - i. What is my **attitude** towards money/riches?
 - ii. Money/riches/possessions can tell a lot about the **focus** of **life**
4. Financial **Responsibility** is Essential
 - a. Christians need to **tithe** (**You can't afford not to**—Malachi 3:10)
 - b. Christians need to **prioritize** their budgets